~~ Havenwood Diary ~~~

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August 19: Arrived at Vancouver. Stayed with Sr. Reg & Anita Harper, 530-2nd St., New Westminster.

August 21: Came over to West Vancouver, was shown 2651 (2nd house shown) by Barton, of Amberton's. Placed deposit on way back to office.

September 7: Left Harpers for Hotel Gifford (Room 10).

September 21: Left Hotel Gifford, entered Havenwood !!! Kath's things and our wedding presents arrived from Winnipeg. Called on Bethells, neighbours, in response to ad. we had read in Ambleside at lunch on way here - bought bed and other useful furniture, which we then carried up and put at once to use.

September 29: Furnace on for first time.

October: Radio, china barrels, boxes containing all L.A. belongings arrived
Chi-chi arrived; Aunt Grace and cousins first ~~dinner~~ guests.
Kath starts at handicraft evening

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October (Cont'd.): Both abed day or two with colds.

October 18-19: ~~First protracted rain~~. Furnace on all day for first time. Chimney swept.

October: Fireplace repaired; new backwall and "throat." Painted kitchen.

November 18: First snowfall, day after our first Anniversary. We drew and coloured our first Xmas cards.

Early December: Tom Hurst + wife call, with Mahlau Travel Sketch book from Sue Worby in B.C. (wedding gift)

December 23: "Manhattan" furniture arrives and placed in Havenwood.

December 25: Xmas dinner at Aunt Grace's.

Boxing Day: attend. "Glug" party at Betts; go on to Wards.

December: Bartons call; deep snow on ground.

Sunday after Xmas: Water pipes frozen, so call off first party, of neighbours. Callishaw brings over blow-torch and thaws pipe. Shaws call in afternoon.

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January 1: Our first dinner party: guests - Aunt Grace and ~~Margaret~~. Mary.

Sunday after: First "at home" - guests, Betts, Wards, Callishaws, mulled claret served before fire.

January: Harpers come for dinner, with friend.

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January: Go to Burnaby for dinner with Moodys.

January: 2nd heavy snowfall. This is being described as worst, coldest, and snowiest winter here in 5 or more years. Temperature goes to 4° above.

Furnace soots up heavily and blows out; unsafe to use. Move downstairs into Studio room for warmth, as fire in fireplace insufficient to keep us warm upstairs. Temperature in kitchen in 40's. Investigate furnace companies, decide on pressure oil-burner. B. in bed 2-3 days downstairs with tommy-flu, while K. nurses and shivers. Buy scarce coal for Studio stove from Betts. Blizzard-very cold, wind in Vancouver 70 m.p.h. Kath's skis arrive from Ottawa, she skis down Ottawa Ave. to 27th Street.

Dinner guests of Collishaws – sympathy for our cold house.
Dinner guests of Betts – ditto.

February 5: Give order to Hall to install furnace and electric water heater. Much digging on upper terrace, hole for tank 7' deep, 9' long, 4' wide; piles of earth and Karpan make great mess on terrace, covering much ivy.

Workmen help B. carry up larger "lift-van", dismantled, to be tool-shed.

February 9: 1st meal on gallery, during brief warm spell.

February 25?: New furnace starts – blessed relief to feel warmth in rooms again. Also, no more

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March : John Kerbey, from P-O-S, our luncheon guest at Hotel Georgia.

March 7 : Kath announces Havenwood to have third occupant - about October 25 — announcement in lobby of Hotel Vancouver.

March : Betts our dinner guests - Zabaglione served before fire.

March : Wards our "buffet" guests - Zab. served, and "Macbeth" played.

March : Moodys come over for dinner.

March : Go to dinner at Harpers' in New West.

March 23 - March 29 : Longs call - supper. Seymours come over for dinner - are moving soon, back to Saskatoon.

Apr 5 : Langtons take ½ our middle laurel hedge in response to add.

Apr 13 : Betts help us put roof on tool House.

Apr 8 : Sanding etc. of floors commences (Hills). Takes 6-7 days, while we live among stacked furniture in kitchen & attic. Cabinet Maker (Helin & Percy Swift) finish furniture refinishing (insurance, probably Stovalle).

March : Sold old oil "furnace" to Allens — $59.

March - April 16: Electricians (Brown + Munton) go over wiring, install 2 additional circuits, switches, floodlight, lantern, etc.

March 28 = New electric switch-box installed.

Apr 12 : B's. drawing of K. in Guatemala (Atitlán) shown at West Van. art Club exhibit in Community Centre: 1st ever.

Apr 30 : Collis Laws to dinner.

Apr 28 : Carpenters (Hockling & Nelson) start paneling library.

May 4 : We have 1st sunbath on sun-deck.

May 3/47 - McRae takes last of Laurels from former main-entrance path ledge.

May 17 - Hills sands "Guest-room" floor upstairs; plastic on linoleum in kitchen & bathroom ("Almatex"); we go to Cottage Inn, Horseshoe Bay, for weekend while latter dries. However, not dry for use until May 22 (i.e., kitchen & bathroom)!

May 21 - Nelson & Hackling start on Guest Room upstairs.

May 23 - Finish carrying up books from downstairs, dusting, and placing on library shelves.

24 - 1st coat "Plastic" ("Almatex") to verandah floors & steps.

June 2 - "Mum and Dad" arrive from Ottawa.

8 - Aunt Grace & Mary arrive for night and King's Birthday.

10 - Nelson & Hackling, after weeks delay, finish Guest Room and upstairs Hall.

8 - "Dad & Mum", K. & I. spend day at Bowen's Island, via Horseshoe Bay & Whitecliff.

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June 24 We celebrated Dad + Mum's 30th Anniversary. their old friends, the Scotts (parents of future Primate of Canada) Aunt Grace + other cards.

JUNE 28 - Dad returns to Ottawa.

30 - Mary arrives.
Kath's birthday: Shaws + sister Judy call. Birthday Cake with 26 candles.
Suppers on Verandah.
Having many meals on Verandah or Terrace.

July 2 - Halls install Laundry Room hobair duct.

July 3 - Nelson + Hokling pour cement foundation of bedroom extension.

July 8 - K. and Mary go to Victoria. Visited Hilda King -

" 9+10 - Nelson + Hokling extend Master Bedroom.

" 11 - K. + Mary return from Victoria.

" 17 - "Mum" + Mary leave for Edmonton.

" 20 = Isabel Abernethy + Trunkfields here for tea on lawn.

" 21 = Nelson + Hokling finish up: installing window in basement front; altering bedroom + L. room doors; extension by sink, etc.

Aug 4 = Mr + Mrs Parsons call for tea on lawn.

July - Aug - Real Summer heat for few days over turn of month.
Jack Betts to bkfst. (Sunday) + dinner occasionally, as wife away.

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Aug 11½ - Re-cemented shower pool; cemented foot-ledge for Walnut bench. & for settee; completed cementing of lawn terrace wall near sprinkler.

Aug 16-17 - Robert Shaws, Gwyneth Ward & baby daughter, Barbara, spend week-end. Play darts on future lawn. Swim at 27th St. - cold water, as tide low.

Aug 22-26 - Mary Stephenson, Kathi's young cousin, visits. Swim & picnic 27th St. beach - cook on beach. I put up back fence (posts having been sunk previously). Use bus to West Bay, picnic & swim from rocks around point. Sunny, hot spell. Constant water shortage - except late P.M. Dark by 9.

Sep 1 - Caves for Sunday pancake breakfast.

Sep 3 - Sun lacks real heat; dusk soon after 7 dinner; definite ~~autumn~~ feeling summer is over.

Sep 6-7 1st rainy day and night in almost since Spring. 1st fire in fireplace of season; also ~~heat~~ furnace on Sunday A.M. for hour or two, for 1st time of season.

15 - Bendix Automatic Laundry arrives; B. makes concrete base.

25 - B. enters St. Paul's Hosp. for Prostatic Resection (Dr. E.T. Wood)

~~Oct 8 - B. leaves hosp. - 13 days~~ followed by bacteriouremia (cystoscopic fever).

Sep 27 - Aunt Grace + Cousin Mary come to stay with K.

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Sep 28 - Mary returns to her home.
Sep 30 - Aunt Grace leaves.

Oct 4-5 - Cousin Mary for week-end.
Week-nights K. stayed with Wards, and Betts (1 nt.)
Oct 8 - B. visited at hosp. by Trunkfields, Aunt Grace, Margaret, Mrs. Collishaw, Jack Betts, Cave.
B. leaves hospital - 13 days.
Oct 19 - Last fortnight has been rainy and overcast, little sun.
Wards for pancake breakfast. October almost wholly rainy.

Oct 20 - Kath has definite "symptoms" at 1 P.M. Call Mrs Collishaw, who will stand-by with car. On Dr. Collison's advice, we drive Kath into Maternity Bldg. of General Hospital at 3 P.M. David Donald Alderwood Paget born that evening at 9:58. B. dines at Collishaw's. General transport strike commences.

Oct 21 - For following week, B. goes into see K. and D. daily - driving in to Van. with Ken Ward, then usually "hitch-hiking" thence out to Hospital. Almost nightly invited to dinner with Collishaws, Betts, Wards.

Oct 28 - Mrs Collishaw drives me in to General hospital, and we fetch Mother and Son home. Union Jack flying from "boat deck". David cries incessantly till about 10:30 P.M., upsetting nerves of B.

Oct 29 - B. feels ill - send for ambulance - taken back into St. Paul's

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Hosp. Has Epididimitis - infection probably caused by too much exertion too soon after operation. Put on Penicillin and Streptomycin for about 1 wk. Remains in Hosp. 11 days. During this time Mrs. Collishaw, Connie Betts, Marjorie Ward and Mary Oldnall take turns bringing or preparing K's evening meal, and sleeping in house. Mrs Dorset, housekeeper, after 4 days, announces she can no longer come in mornings - or at all - as own child ill. K., in distress, calls on Aunt Grace - who reports she sprained ankle only day before. K. then recalls having received congratulatory card from old Saskatoon friend, Margaret Steel, now visiting in Vancouver. Mrs Collishaw drives over to Burnaby, asks Miss Steel if she will come out and keep house at Harewood in emergency - she gladly agrees to -
~~Oct~~ Nov 8 - arrives Saturday, Nov. 8. The situation thus saved.

Nov 9 - B. returns from St. Paul's Hosp., driven by Trunkfield. Well, but must remain in bed several days, to speed disappearance of swelling.

Nov 11 - K. answers phone ere bathing baby - telegram announcing sudden passing away of Dad. — K. very bravely carries on.
Ken Ward calls and plants our 4 Bush Cherries in #3.

Nov 17 - Miss Steel leaves. Henceforth K. on her own with house and David. B. still mostly in bed during day.
We celebrate 2nd wedding ann. quietly. Betts ~~coming~~ calling offer dinner.

Nov 22 - Hoffers occupy garage, @ $4 p/mo.

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Nov 26 – Mr & Mrs Longs call to see baby – gifts – tea.

Dec 3 – Oldnalls call in evening.

Dec 11 – Wards up for evening.
Has been overcast and rainy for weeks; sunshine rare.

Dec 20 – Mother (B's.) arrives by train from N.Y.
B. practically entirely recovered from Epididimitis.
Still overcast weather. David still sleeping mostly.

Dec 24 – Mary Stephenson calls on Xmas Eve with gifts from Aunt Grace.
Our Xmas tree taken from own fir tree on W. border –
topped by Air Marshall Callishaw – proved excellent tree.

Xmas Day – Turkey dinner, K., Mother & B.

Sunday, Dec 28 – "At Home" – non-alcoholic grape juice + spices:
The 2 Mipes Steel; Mr & Mrs Perry (Ruth's fiancés parents), Miss Perry, Mrs Perry; the 2 Betts, 2 Wards, 2 Caves, 2 Oldnalls, 2 Marshaws, Mrs Callishaw, 2 Hardings; Isabel Abernethy stayed overnight (Sat.), and helped K.

Monday, Dec 29 – Mr & Mrs Barton call for tea.

New Year's Eve – very quiet – K, M. & B – at home.

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New Years Day - invited to Houssers for drinks in afternoon.

Jan 7 - First "Wednesday Evening" arts and crafts session in Studio. Present: Geoffrey & Mary Oldnall, Justine Houser, K., M. & I. With aid of both woodstove and the furnace, temperature reached 83. Charcoal, oil - ~~drawing~~ art media used. Clay work; furniture sanding

13 - Caves & Bertram Hines & wife call for "record concert". S. African records played. also Mrs H made recording of Shakespeare bit. Winter so far has been very mild, much overcast & rain, but no real cold yet.

24 - M. leaves for Lome (Mt.), via boat to Victoria.

25 - Fairly cold - (clear) - 1st time so far this winter. Nts. about 24° above.

Feb 3 - First snow of winter - 1". Melted in afternoon.

March 18 - Freakish snow-fall. Came suddenly at dusk, as B. was digging in "Primary" Veg. bed. Fell for but few minutes - but ground was suddenly a white blanket - lasted till next day.

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day after D.D.'s 5th month birthday;

March 21 – Palm Sunday, first day of Spring; David is baptised at St. Stephen's Church. Rev. Carter, 3PM. Ken Ward acts as proxy for Uncle Jim, D.D.'s godfather; Connie Betts proxies for Mary Alderwood his godmother. D.D. was perfect throughout the services – not so much as a whimper, tho' he yawned a couple of times toward the end. Present at the reception at Harewood afterwards: the Wards, the Betts, Mrs Collisham, the Oldralls (& Robert), the Haussers, the Caves and Miss Dorothy Lewis, the Bartons, Isobel Abernethy, Rev. Carter.

Most of these were also at the Church; Marjorie Ward gave cake; also, to D.D., a silver serviette ring. Oldralls (Robert) presented D.D. with silver bowl; Bartons gave bib-holder; Haussers gave him pure Scottish jersey suit. Mary Alderwood had sent him a Child's Book of Prayers. His paternal grandma had sent him affectionate cable.

D.D. sat up in sofa or in various guests' laps throughout the tea, enjoying every moment. Many, including parson, remarked on his perfect behaviour, great size, and good nature.

Oldralls stayed on for dinner and

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- singing of German folksongs. Robert O. was brought out, and D.D. greeted him with enthusiastic cries, laughter, and much gesturing. Parents retire around 11 P.M., tired but very proud and happy.

Next day D.D. gets good report from Dr Elaine; he weighs 17 lbs. at 5 months.

The baptism was reported in both the "Vancouver Sun" and the "Lions Gate Times," also "West Van. News."

Apr 3 - Snow, briefly, followed by very heavy tho' brief hail — did not remain on ground.

15 - Spring very late - possibly 3 wks.

17 - K. arranges surprise party for B's birthday. Oldnalls. Wards, Garlands. Games, singing. First really summer-like day.

26 - Snow + hail in neighbourhood. Cold spell - below 40° nightly. Coldest April in 25 years.

Apr 28 - Mrs Leach calls, with Mrs Frauton.

May 3 - Cherry in full bloom past week; also Dawson.

16 - thunder + hailstorm, ending cold wet May spell, followed at last by summery weather.

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May 18 - Bought "Flying Standard" '42, of R. McKenney, Fulton St., W/Van.

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May 23 - Joy Trunkfield and Mrs Mills call.

May 24 - Empire Day: Summer arrives suddenly, after cold rainy spell; practically no spring this year.

June 12 - Car arrives at last in garage - its new home.

July 4 - Mary Stephenson arrives for a stay.
July 8 - Wet and cold July so far.

July 26 - K. and D.D. sailed for Ganges, Salt Spring Is., to stay with Parsons. I followed July 29, sailing at 9 A.M., arriving at 5:30 P.M.

Aug. 3 - We return safely to Havenwood.

15 - Kath plays organ at St Stephens' Services for first time - as deputy organist.

18 - K. gives tea-party for neighbour "girls": Mrs. Collishaw, her daughter, Mary Smith & infant;

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"Porky" Waters, Connie Betts, Jean Hanham and Infant Margaret. Mary Aldrall & infant Robert.

Aug.
19- Kath takes D.D. into Vancouver shopping in Spencer's - his first trip into big store - he took it in stride, without crying, and charming the grown-ups.

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23- Long rainy spell. People saying "What a mild winter we're having this summer!"

Aug. Sept 2 - still raining.
28-30. Max & Janet Cave stay with us; their house is going up across road, roof not yet on. Max tried sleeping in "apple-pie" bed. "Pit" played.

Sep 4-6 - Labour-Day Week-end: Saturday: D.D. has cold, K. comes down with heavy cold, on eve of playing organ at 2 Communion services in Church. I go over to Van. with Caves to get special, strong cold pills so K. will be able to get up on morrow and play. I phone parson telling him to find a "stand-by" organist, "in case". Sunday: I drive K. and D. to Church, car stalls, so K walks to Church. All's well that ends well.

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Sept 11. September so far sunny and summery. Isabel Abernethy comes for week-end.

12 - Darts on lawn, early supper on lawn (B. cooks at "grill"). Reggie & Betty Williams, Jack Betts and Ericksens, Isabel. Evening indoors - piano (Betty W. - à la music hall) and singing. Betty W's mother, Mrs Turnbull, from England, joins party.

Nov 13 - The Charles come after dinner for French Conversation.

Nov 19. Wedding Anniversary celebrated jointly with the Betts and Oldnalls; all went to Henri's for Smorgasbord dinner, then home to Havenwood for record music, coffee and corn popped before fire-place.

Dec 16 - Had Goldie severely top the Walnut.

Dec 18. A-V-M Collishaw and Felicity to dinner. First cold spell of Winter; ground frozen; followed by considerable snow, cars unable to climb hill.

19 - D.D. walking almost constantly - for first time constantly. Just recovered from a week's slight cold.

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Dec 25 - a White Xmas - plenty of snow. Joint dinner at Harewood: Oldnalls and we.

Topped one of our firs Xmas Eve - O.D. first saw it, decorated and lit, Xmas morning. Many days.

Dec 26 - Carol Singing in evening: Caves, Betts, Callishaws, Oldnalls, Isabel Abernethy; K's hot Claret punch very successful. Isabel A. spends the night with us.

During afternoon, Shaws call with 2 children.

27 - Betts's annual "Chug" party.

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Jan 1 - New Year's Eve party at Waltons'.

16 - Mrs Kay Taylor and artiste Mrs Stewart for tea. So far it has been a consistently cold winter, "unusual" - snow long on ground. ice-skating on Lost Lagoon and Bowling Green. No rain for many weeks.

Feb 20-1. at last the rains have come. Ground without a thaw since before Xmas - no rain for about 2 months - El. power rationed; only enough water supply (for el. power) till March 2. But to-day the rain has started, washing away snows. Much to-bogganing on Ottawa; snow "for" weeks and weeks. Nothing like it in last 50 years!

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March 21: Septic tank clnd., new rock pit installed, etc.

April March 30: Farewell dinner & party for the O'Neills / Geoffrey, Mary I + baby Robert, who presented

After dinner, neighbours arrive as supposed "surprize" (which Connie Betts had previously given away): Jack + C. Betts, Max Cave, the Wards, the Waters, the Harshaws. Made recordings - each said verse to O's; sang.

April 2 - The Waltons came for evening - played records.

17 - B's birthday & Easter Sunday. H Shaws came over from / town lunch.

21 - K's cousins Mary & Margaret come for afternoon and night.

May 29 - Isabel Abernethy spends week-end ere leaving for Halifax.

Were having prolonged (about 1 mo.) sunny fine warm spell. Fruit buds plentiful.

June 16 - K, D.D., & B. go on Union S.S. "Lady Alexandra" day cruise around / Owen Sound. Perfect weather. D.D. climbs up to the bridge unaided!

July 2 - Aug 24: Mother (P.) With us; returns via New Orleans.

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Oct 1 = Saturday. Kath & D.D. entrain for Ottawa. Seeing wooden Indians, while with Jean, D. exclaims: "Mumma! — Dadda!"

Oct 5 = B. has "cysto" — everything "O.K."

7 = First frost during night 6th–7th

8 = Small, morse-colored birds in upper Rose Arbor = annual visit.

Nov 6 = Kath & D.D. return early A.M. Sunday.

Nov-Dec = Following heavy rains, Capilano & other North Shore rivers have flooded — Capilano bridge approach washed out; ferries back; 1st completely "Bailey" bridge also washed out. W.Van. semi-isolated; ~~actually~~ isolated twice so far (too rough for ferries to dock at 25th–8th).

Dec. 8 = Pond frozen, 1st time of winter. Cold spell, heavy frost.

Xmas Day: Snow on ground. Shows for dinner. David, really for 1st time, enjoyed Xmas tree and presents.

Dec 1950: Party: 2 Broatches, 2 Betts, Marjorie Stoyle, 2 Waltons, John Roberts: charades and recordings. Zabaglione.

New Year's: quietly at home. Cold and heavy snow falls come with January: 6 above at night.

Jan 3: B. does 1st broadcast CBR. of "Once Upon a Honeymoon" — series of 5, 3 of which being nation-wide over CBC.

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Jan 2: "Telephone" conversation between K and D on D's new toy phone:
K: Are you a good boy, David? D: "Mmm."
K: What's daddy doing? D: Pipe. (= smoking a pipe).
K: What else? D: "Book. (= reading a book).
K: What's Chi-chi doing. D: Bye-bye (= sleeping).
K: Do you want a cookie? D (stepping out of character):
Boogie, Boogie! [End of conversation]

• Jan 3, 5, 12, 18, 24: I broadcast "Once Upon a Honeymoon" - all but 1st + last are trans-Canada = CBR.

Jan 12: Snowed 12-14 "last night; still snowing now. Snow has been on ground with one interval since Xmas Eve. D.D. down with croup; Mama with cold.

Feb 4: Temperature above freezing for 1st time in 2 weeks, & for the 4th time since Xmas! Snow on ground constantly since ere Xmas, except for an interval of a day or so when ground thawed clear. Most houses have had water-leaks from roofs (including Hazenwood). Now, this cold is declared finished for winter, and we're starting to think of Spring

• Feb 10: CBR = I broadcast "Dear Madam or Sir", part of "In Focus" = CBR regional.

~~March 15~~:
Feb 28: K + I guests of Nip Browning + Madge Ashlee at the International Dinner of Soroptomists Club, at Hotel Vancouver. Many Consuls present. Wife of French Consul at our table.

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March 15: K + 9 Guests of French Consul (Anfossy) + wife at dinner at their home. Bordeaux, Cognac, Cheeses, etc. All French-speaking. Followed by lecture Soirée at Alliance Française, Art Gallery. Mlle. Sellon, présidente, Mme. Shelton, v-p. Also met at dinner Marika Purzel, Chlumecky (Tschechoslovak violinist), Lapierre, Quebec composer.

July 13-19: Jean our house-guest from Montreal. Wonderful Summer weather.

Oct 25: D.D.'s Third Birthday Party (deferred till now due to cold of Mama). Also Present: Margaret Harshaw, Heather + Alan Walton, Linda Lyon (and Mrs H. + Mrs L.). D.D. easily blew out his 3 candles in 3 successive blows - then proceeded nonchalantly to cut his cake.

Nov. Mother breaks arm and pelvis in N.Y. windstorm.

Dec 25. We three go to Shaws for Xmas dinner - a mild, green Xmas.

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Jan 3/4 I take Kath to Gen'l. Hospital around midnight. Mrs. Pettigrew, helper, down with lumbago!

~~Friday 5~~ Thursday Jan 4. Ann Gwyneth born - Dr. Sidney Evans attending. 6:30 P.M. Weighs 6 lbs. 8 oz.

Thursday 11. Kath returns home with Gwyneth - beautiful, mild, sunny afternoon - first for days.

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Feb. 6. The Platen Printing Press arrives.

March 3. Surprize SNOWFALL, becoming blizzard - c. 2' deep. Lasts until rain of March 12th. Our hill immobilized.

March 20. "Hilltop Play School" starts - in our "play-room" - D.D. attends his very first class. 9 - 11:30, starting outside on lawn, then coming inside for painting, records, games.

March 24. Mother arrives. D.D. & I meet her at station.

March 25. Easter Sunday. The Shaws (+3 children - Robert, Susie, Christie) and Alan Walton arrive. Have great children's party in living room. D.D. et al. parade around table playing bugle, drum, etc.

April 22. Ann Gwyneth christened at St. Stephen's Church - by Rev. E.W.P. Carter. - At church were her mother, father and brother. Also Gwyneth Ward, her godmother, who came up from Seattle. Also her maternal grandma, who prosied for her other godmother, Auntie Belle. I prosied for her godfather, A.F. Fleetwood Lawton. Also present: Kattie, Aunt Grace and Cousins Mary and Margaret, and their friend, Mrs. Collisham,

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Mrs. Taylor, Mrs Jean Harshaw. Margaret Steele.
At tea at home afterwards were also
Eva Walton

May 2. Daddy gets a job: B.C. Tractor Equipment Co. Ltd. !

May 19. D.D. shows up with Chicken Pox. Play-school cancelled.

June 2. D.D. practically over Chicken Pox - had mild case and only one uncomfortable night. Play-school not to re-convene, as holidays imminent.

July 15 - Mum Aldenwood, Ruth & Nancy arrive for visit.

Sep 9. The Great Drought definitely broken - Autumn rain and cooler. Gwyneth crawling, and standing when holding something for support. David attends first Sunday School.

Oct. 2. Play-School (2nd Edition) starts with Mrs. Fleming as daily Supervisor.

Oct. 20 - Visit of Princess Elizabeth & Prince Philip to V.

Oct. 22. David's birthday party. Those present:
Alan & Heather Walton. Margaret Harshaw (& mother)
Linda & Keith Lyon. Peter Wardell.

Nov. 9. Gwyneth taken to V.I. Gen Hospital with a bad case of ~~Croup~~ (Tracheal bronchitis) -

Add-on! July. Fleetwood + Penny Lawton. Barrie's good friends from L.A. visited - he was G.'s godfather - made a big fuss of her. (We had spent 6 weeks with them in L.A. before returning to Canada.)

she was running a temp. of 104°-105° all day. The sickness just started the previous night, after a slight cold. At hosp., she was immediately put into oxygen tent, given sulfa, penicillin + streptomycin.

Nov. 18. Gwyneth had improved greatly - temp. normal. By evening, she was removed from oxygen tent.

Nov. 16. Gwyneth brought home from N.Y. Hospital - well but for a sniffle. In Mrs Collishaw's car.

Dec. 23 - "Ca" arrived from N.Y. 1½ days late due to snowstorms.

Dec. 25 - "White Christmas." All tried out David's new sleigh in the garden.
Gwyneth enjoyed her 1ST Xmas. Her favorite toy seemed to be David's whistle.

Dec. 26. Boxing Day. Visited Aunt G., Miss B, Shaws.

Dec. 29. Neighbors' Party at Lyons.

Dec. 30 - Wassail Bowl party. Those present
Betts, Wards, Shaws, Davies, Caves, Watkins.
Gay carol singing, etc.

New Yrs. Eve – B & K called on Jock Campbell's –
then to Davies where we saw the New Year in.

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July 26 = We four start on 2 wks' vacation – driving 3 of
heavily loaded in "Anglia" ("Oswald 2nd"). Stop
1st 6 days at "Crescent Lodge Tourist Camp" at
Crescent Beach. Lazy time – bathing (very broad
sandy beach at low tide), kiting, ~~walk~~ eating crab,
David has first horseback ride. Drive on South into
U.S. to Anacortes (via Peace Arch, Blaine & Bellingham).

Thence take ferry back to Canada at Sidney, on Saanich Peninsula, V. I., through San Juan Is. Then stay rest of time at Ganges, Salt Spring Is., at waterside home of the Parsons'. Lazy 8 days there - fishing, boating, strolling. Back home via CPR "Princess Elaine", with car. Perfect weather entire time. King Fuad of Egypt exiled during time.

Sept. Bear and her cub seen by many near neighbors in gardens.

Sept. 15: David goes off to kindergarten for first time (West Bay Co-operative Play School, Pemberton x 29th). Full of enthusiasm upon return.

House gets painted - grey over old brown.

Oct 8. David and schoolmates see bear in orchard next to their kindergarten playground. Bear retires to woods.

Oct 23. David's 5th birthday party - held today because of his cold on 20th. Present: Jody Rowley, Ronny Douglas, Linda Lyon, Alan Walton, Peter Wardell, Heather Walton, and Gwyneth. Nice gifts, and much fun with inflated moustachios and paper hats.

Dec 25th. Xmas Day.
Peter Thomas, Ellen & 3 children came for dinner & the evening.

Dec. 28th. Xmas Party. K. served New England Wassail Bowl. Those present - Shaws, Davies, Walters, Hyndmans, J. Harshaw & friend Annette Zeeling, Oldacres (new neighbours).
Carol singing enjoyed by all.

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January 4th.
Gwyneth's 2nd birthday. Danny & Steven Peacock, Johnnie Westlake, Alan Walton (and mothers) in for tea. Peter Wardell & Ronnie Douglas also arrived to help eat Gwyneth's cake.

Jan. 5th. First snow of season. Very soft by morning, soon melted away.

June 2. Coronation Day. All 4 attended parades and addresses at Ambleside Park. Listened to Coronation on radio. All Vancouver Stores, homes, etc. Gay with bunting.

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June 11 – David graduates from West Bay Co-operative Play School. Teacher: Mrs. Longmuir. Parents attend ceremony, also Gwyneth. D.S. is "Prince Charming" in musical "play", bearing gold-tulled sword. All graduates wear mortar-boards, receive "diplomas", containing group photo.

June 12 – D.S. moves into upstairs bedroom.

July 18-31 – Annual Vacation. The four of us go off in our "Anglia", with rack aloft filled with luggage, provisions and tent, etc. 1st week at Qualicum Beach, at a tourist court right on beach. 2nd week we drive further up V.I. coast to Miracle Beach, where we tent in the B.C. Forest Service new forest "park". Real woods, fine broad Sandy beach. Gwyneth happy all time, but D.S. seems to miss his playmates of home. Go and return via "Black Ball Ferry", a service only just started. We all return home on Friday, well tanned – comforts of home greatly appreciated on return.

1953, contd.

Aug 15 - The four of us, and Morley Walton (driving his car), and Alan Walton, Jody Rowley, Peter Wardell, Ronnie Douglas. Go to Pt. Atkinson Lighthouse, by appointment. Most children (including ours) did not ascend ladder in tower. We enjoyed the visit and description of working of the light, fog horn and radio signals.

Sept. 9 - David starts school at Pauline Johnson School - Miss Gerrie, his teacher.

Sept. 13. Gwynette goes to Sunday School for first time. Refuses to give up her pennies at collection!

Oct. 20 - David's 6th birthday. Party after school - attended by Peter Wardell, Ronnie Douglas, Alan & Heather Walton, Jody Rowley, Robin Roberts., D. & C. Lots of fun for all.

Dec. 20 - "Ca" arrived - not feeling well, so went to bed. Dr. Boyd called in - advised complete rest for heart strain. - irregular heart.

XMAS - Dinner with Shaws called off, as Ca was in bed, & D. had bad chest cold - 'bronchitis'.

Sun. Dec. 27 - We cooked our turkey & had Xmas dinner by ourselves.

Jan. 2. 1954. Party in our playroom. Guests - Hilda & Glen Hyndman. Joan & John Davies, Marjorie & Fred Messenger. Thelma & Alistair Watt. Played Darts, Bowling, Parlor Games. K. served Rum - Cranberry Punch. etc.

Jan. 6. 1954. Gwyneth's 3rd birthday party. Guests: Tony & Meg Davies, Jimmy Brown, Jamie & Hal Bumby - and mothers. All had a fine time. Jamie blew out all candles on cake before G. had a chance - so they had to be re-lit for her. Boys very affectionate to G. - kisses & hugs! David and pals in background - were kept out with some difficulty.

THE WESTON CHAPTER.

Jan. 6/55. B. left by T.C.A. for Toronto, to see about a position with Massey-Harris-Ferguson advertising dept. A day or two later he had the job. Then began his task of house-hunting in Toronto - and K.'s task of selling the West Van. house, packing, etc.

June 29th. K. with D. & G. & Chichi, finally entrained for Weston - stopping en route to visit Ruth & Jack at Medicine Hat. Arrived July 7th - at West Toronto. Furniture had not got here yet - it was very hot. Quite a week-end!

July. Spent 2 wks at Maple Grove, Grais cottage at Clayton Lake.

Oct. Phil & Mary spent 3 days with us. Gran A. then visited for a few days.

Dec. 18. Moira Jones & Sheila stayed overnight.
Dec. 23. "Ca" arrived from N.Y. to spend Christmas with us. Jean stayed with us for 2 days also.

1956.

March 27th. Demonstration by the pupils of David's music class. David played "God Save the Queen" at the beginning - for all the mothers to sing. Also finished the program by playing "Indian Dance".

April 5. K. took D. & G. to city on train - saw special Easter shows & displays at Eatons - then saw movie "Hansel & Gretel".

April 6. K. took David & Lyn Dorset to children's concert by T. Symphony Orchestra at Massey Hall.

June [redacted] David "chaired" the Jr. Red Cross Meeting at which his class invited another class. After the President's (David's) welcome, he introduced several of his class mates, who performed piano solos, dances, etc. He played a solo, also "The Queen."

June 24. At D's final music recital, he was given a prize for the child making the best progress in his class.

June 30 David stood first in his class academically for the year.

July 5 We moved over to Algonquin Island for the summer. 'Ca' arrived on the 7th.

July 20. The children attended a Masquerade - Gwyneth as "Japanese lotus flower" won a special prize of $2.00.
David was a Mexican, all made up with moustache & sideburns by 'Ca.'

July 30. We returned home - were met by the news that Grannie Alderwood had been knocked down by a car the previous night in Toronto - suffering from concussion & fractured pelvis. K. saw her in p.m. at General Hospital.

Sept. 3. Gwyneth started Kindergarten in the new wing of Memorial School. David in Gr. IV - also in new wing. On Friday Gwyneth said she was sorry she had to have a holiday on the week-end: "I wish the weekend would be over so I could go to school again!"

Lyn (9-yr. old neighbour boy) boasted: "I can climb that tree as well as Gwyneth (5) now!"

Winter 1956-7. D. wears the "Admirals" coat and peaked cap and dressing gown I used to wear in England as a child; J. wears gaiters I used to wear.

February 1957. David sang in Kiwanis Choir Festival, in his school choir. Came in 2nd out of many. At Eaton's Auditorium.

April 8, 1957. David leads his class in speech making. Then takes 4th place in whole School contest. Spoke on his train trip from Vancouver to Toronto.

May 1957. Gwyneth so thrilled with new "saddle" shoes she "hid" old shoes in waste basket.

" David is given leading part in class play - is King Midas. Received his part Monday, had it learnt perfectly by Friday, 1st performance. Total of 6 performances at school, one attended by principal. D. highly praised for his acting. Teacher, Miss McCutcheon: "He's wonderful!"

May 15 - Mother P. sails on Britannic for England.

July 13. B. and D. fly to England, stopping en route at Montreal - landed London Airport - in connection with the Trusts established by Uncle Jim for the children's education.

K. and C. leave by train for Carleton Place, to spend summer at the lake.

Aug. 14 B, D & Ca sail from Liverpool.
Aug. 16. K. & C. return, driving with Ron.

Aug. 21. B. & D, accompanied by 'Ca' arrive home, at midnight - having docked at Montreal in a.m., visited Workys, & taken afternoon train.

Sept. 3 - D & C. start school - D. in an accelerated class with Miss McCutcheon again - Virginetta in Gr. I with Mrs. Townsend.

Oct. 12 All went to Royal Alex to see Magic Show "Sun Sala Bim."

Oct. 13. Went by bus to Woodbridge - had a nice walk in the country.

Oct. 14. Went to watch the Queen opening Parliament - on T.V. - at Hunters. David was reprimanded afterwards for crossing his hands over his head + sprawling somewhat. His retort - "Well, all the members in the British House of Commons sat just like that!"

~~End~~

Oct. 19. David celebrated his birthday on Sat. with 9 boys invited - outdoor games (including soccer with his new ball) - then roasted weiners over fire outside. All came in to Sun Room for cake, ice cream, etc.

End of Oct. - David stricken with flu, then Gwyneth, then K. B. had to stay home two days, as all three were confined to bed.

Nov. - Friend of K's asked her son who is in G's school class if he knew Gwyneth Page. He said "Yes - she's the girl with hair like the Pilgrim Fathers". Teacher had made this observation when class was studying ~~P. F's.~~ Pilgrim Fathers. At November school concert David played Christmas carol on piano "by popular request."

When David saw "chicken" on shopping list and didn't have enough cash to buy it, he brought home a tin of Chicken Gumbo soup instead!

Auntie Belle passes away suddenly.

Christmas - Ga being in U.K. with Uncle Jim, this is the first Xmas without her in years.

1958 - Jan 11, Daddy flies to U.K. to look into Uncle's affairs, Auntie Belle having died suddenly last November. ~~Arrives~~ Long hop in Super-Constellation Montreal - Prestwick 10 hours. Arrives London 1 1/4 hours from Prestwick, Jan. 12.

1958. Jan. 24. Daddy sails in Carinthia from Liverpool. Arrives Halifax on Jan. 30. Flies to Toronto via Montreal, arriving 4 A.M. Jan. 31, at Malton Airport. Announces that we are to sell our home, dispose of furniture, etc. and move to England where we will spend a few years in Uncle Jim's home. B. is to act as his attorney.

Mad scramble begins - packing, selling, storing. Real Estate agents get busy.

K. has confirmation by Dr. that a new little Paget is en route - due in August.

Valentine's Day - David rec'd. 33 Valentines from class-mates - called "Popular Paget."

Gwyneth had farewell party at Verna McLean's - presented with photo album. Also rec'd gifts from other friends.

David - farewell skating party at John Coddard's - received a beautifully-bound Bible as gift.

Feb. 28. after ~~dinner at Donests~~ hectic day of packing + moving (electricity + water cut off at 4 p.m. - B. sorting out papers, keys, etc. in semi-darkness, cold) we went to Donests for dinner - were driven by Fred to Union Station.

Boarded the overnight sleeper to New York.
Arrived in cold rain - went by taxi to Ca's
apartment. Found a layer of black soot over
everything - ₤. due to an open window. K. set to
to make the place habitable.
Next morning, Mar. 2 - we took the train to
Washington - met by Mary + Geoff, + driven to
their home.

Mar. 3 - Drove around to see the sights of Washington -
Lincoln Memorial, Washington Memorial

Met B.s. old friend, Eduardo Carrigosa at
hotel. Had lunch with him - later drove
to his home - met his 2 daughters. Returned to
Washington - had tea with his wife Julia, + friends,
then to Oldnalls for dinner. In evening, Milton
Mallory and wife Jeanne called.

Mar. 4. We visited Mount Vernon, country home of
Washington -
picnicked outside - went to the National Gallery.

Mar. 5 Returned to New York.
Visited points of interest

Mar. 7 We sailed from N.Y. aboard the "S.S. Carinthia" ab 12.00 pm. Wonderful view of the N.Y. skyline. Called ab Halifax neth day.

Mar. 15. Arrived ab Liverpool in morning. Boab train to London. Meb by "Ca"; with Paul, who drove us to 97 Home Park Rd. - where we were greeted by Uncle Jim.

April Children nob yet ab school (Easter hols.) - so visits were made to Royal Festival Hall - fine concerb of girls choirs and London Symph. orchestra.
London Palladium - saw pantomime "Robinson Crusoe."

Regents Park Zoo.
St. Paul's Cathedral
Westminster Abbey - attended service.
Trip to Bognor Regis (on sea) - visiting K's Aunb May.

David starts lessons with Mr. Turner, to prepare for entrance exam to King's College Jr. School.

May 6 · 58 David sits for exam to enter K.C.J.S. –
10.am to 1.pm.

May 9. David has passed, + is to enter K.C.J.S. in Sept.
Great rejoicing by all !

May 12. D. starts the summer term at Wimbledon Common Prep. School, with Mr. Turner as his Form Master.

Gwyneth starts Wimbledon Kindergarten – under Miss Ker-Ramsay – in the Transition group.

May 21. Visit to Folkestone – + Mr. + Mrs. Dilby (of Saskatoon)

May 24. We visit British Museum. B. manages to take snaps of K. + children admiring Elgin Marbles, Rosetta Stone, etc.. while guards backs are turned.

June 9. Visit Kew Gardens.
June 14. Sunday School Picnic at St. Mary's Field (near church)

June 15. Trip to Chessington Zoo. Very warm day.
Supper at Walton-on-Thames – in delightful garden
tea-room.

July 20. Trip to Worthing on Sea.

July 27. Trip to Sunbury-on-Thames – rented a small
power launch. David piloted us up and down
the river. Heavy rain.
Tea in quaint 300 yr. old house

July 31. Trip to Windsor.

Aug. 1st. K. goes to St. Theresa's Hospital, accompanied by B. - at 9.30 p.m.

Aug. 2nd James Trevor born just before 5 a.m. - weight 7 lbs. 11oz.

Aug. 14. J.T. and mother arrive home.

Nov. 4. David promoted to "A" form (=3A), commencing 2nd half of his 1st term at K.C.J.S. In first half of term, he came third in his form, out of 23.

Dec 25 Happy Christmas spent quietly en famille.
Church at 9.45 a.m. J. Trevor sits in next chair
for first time.

1959

Jan. 7. Gwyneth went to Wimbledon High School for entrance test. In afternoon, we were phoned by school secretary, saying that Gwyneth had been accepted! Great rejoicing.

Jan 8. Gwyneth commences her new school.

Jan. 11. James Trevor christened in St. Marys Church - by Rev. Leslie Wright, vicar. Mrs. Barbara Chapman acted as proxy - godmother for Mrs Mary Oldnall. Godfathers - Geoffrey Oldnall & Philip Alderwood. Afterwards - reception at 97 Home Park Rd. Tea poured by "Ga". Paget.
Guests - Miss E Hoare, Miss C. Ker-Ramsay, Mr. & Mrs. H. Chapman & Philip, Mrs. Caulfield and Christine & Graham, Mr. & Mrs. P. Griffiths & Jane.
The vicar proposed a toast to James Trevor, who responded with a big smile!
Amusing incident at ceremony - while the Vicar

was making the sign of the cross on baby's forehead, and exhorting him to fight against the sins of the world, the flesh and the devil, Trevor suddenly awoke, turned to the group, and gave a big smile.

May 20. Uncle Jim dies in hospital, while Ga in N.Y. She flies back here next day.

July 12-21. H. & P. at Wimbledon Hospital, prostatic resection (transurethral) by Mr. P. Kelly.

July 28-31. H., K., D. & G. drive to Salisbury (spend 2 nts.), visiting Cathedral, Old Sarum, Milton House; Winchester (1 nt.) seeing Cathedral, College, St. Cross Hospital. Ga stays at 97 H. Rd, also Mr & Mrs. Callies (cleaning woman) & their children - looking after Trevor.

Sept. 2-9. David and Dad spend week in Belgium - Bruges, Ghent, Brussels, Waterloo & Ostend.